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## NO RED FLAG ON THE BRIGHTON ROAD

### Story of the Old Cocks' Race

ON Sunday, November 2, a series of explosions punctuated by cheers will be heard at Westminster. These will not herald the arrest of a modern Guy Fawkes, but will merely announce that some 200 cars are beginning a run to Brighton.

What is so extraordinary about that—why the bangs and the cheers? Just this: no car will be dated later than 1904—some will be in the '80s and '90s—and they are commemorating a piece of motoring history known as "Emancipation Day," which has a meaning for the driver of every road vehicle today from a bubble car to a bus.

Many people laughingly refer to this event as the "Old Cocks' Race," thereby making two errors in three words. The machines are not old cocks—every one is a "Genevieve" tended with loving care, and the meeting is not a race but a reliability run.

It is organised annually by the Royal Automobile Club with the co-operation of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, and it ranks as Britain's biggest public motoring spectacle, attracting two million spectators *en route*.

#### FREEDOM OF MOTORISTS

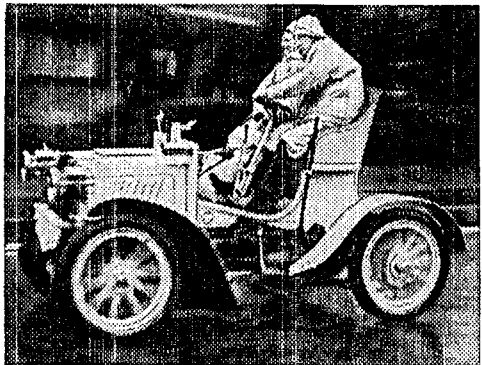
The original run to Brighton was held on November 14, 1896, under the auspices of the now defunct Motor Car Club, to celebrate the freedom of motorists to use the highway without the obligation of having a man walking in front with a red flag, and also as a demonstration to the public that the "horseless carriage" had really come to stay.

It is interesting to note that the Act which imposed the red flag obligation and limited the speed of self-propelled vehicles to 4 m.p.h. was entitled "The Locomotive Act," of 1865. They were thinking then of traction engines and like vehicles. The very idea that one day the roads would carry millions of cars and scooters would have filled them with indignation.

Before the start of the 1896 run, the motorists had breakfast at the Metropole Hotel off Whitehall, at which a red flag was dramatically torn up amid cheers, and at 10.30 the start was made in damp, misty weather, with wisps of fog blowing off the Thames.

In a haze of blue exhaust smoke, amidst bangs, rattles, splutters, and explosions, they set off on their vibrating journey.

With commendable enterprise, the *Daily News* (now the *News Chronicle*) had a reporter on the run, and in the issue of November 16, 1896, he tells us: "The



A 1902 Denz on its way to Brighton last year

motorists were frankly hideous, and although they had, for the most part, got themselves up in gold-banded yachting caps, and wore scarlet and gold badges on the right arm, the bravery of their attire did not compensate for the ungainly character of their conveyances, which all, with the exception of the motor-cycles, are modelled on the lines of horse vehicles."

There were only thirty-nine starters out of fifty-eight entries, and motoring for any distance in those days was something of a feat. Nuts and bolts worked loose with great speed and regularity, chains broke, belts stretched, and brakes made of camel-hair soon burnt through. Some cars had to put up with the indignity of being pulled by a horse to get started.

#### EXCITEMENT IN CRAWLEY

On reaching Crawley, the reporter found it "pretily decorated, and exhibiting a banner wishing 'Success to the Motor Car.' Its streets were filled with hundreds of rustics who had walked, many of them, ten miles to see the show."

His car stopped at Bolney for the night, but "we learnt subsequently that the first car to arrive at Brighton was the Bollée steam tricycle, which reached the Hotel Metropole at 2.25."

A note in the official R.A.C. programme of 1956, however, says that "electrically-driven vehicles were timed in first and second, but it remains a mystery how they covered more than fifty miles on a single charge of batteries. Whilst drivers were given a list of hotels *en route*

## Weather Station on the Main Line

This unusual photograph was taken recently at Ribble Head Station, 1000 feet up in the Pennines, on the main line about halfway between Leeds and Carlisle. It shows the new stationmaster,



Mr. Clark, sending up a hydrogen balloon to measure the height of the clouds.

For 20 years Ribble Head has been a recognised weather recording station under the Meteorological Office, with rain gauges, thermometers, and a wind speed indicator. So Mr. Clark, like his predecessor, has to be a meteorologist as well as stationmaster. He telephones R.A.F. Dishforth every hour on a special Air Ministry line, using a special code system to give information about local weather conditions. On most days he also sends up into the air a cloud-measuring balloon.

Another interesting feature of Ribble Head Station is a harmonium. It is used during church services which are occasionally held in the waiting-room.

where water could be obtained, no provision was made for the electrically-propelled machines.

"It is believed that fourteen cars completed the journey within the prescribed time, but there is a doubt as to whether they covered the whole course under their own power. It was darkly hinted that at least one vehicle was taken by train and subsequently covered with mud before crossing the finishing line."

The event has not had an uninterrupted history. There was a big gap between 1902 and 1927, in which year it was revived under the auspices of two newspapers. The R.A.C. took over the organisation of the run in 1930—which is

## Flightless bird flies 13,000 miles

There was a warm welcome at the London Zoo the other day for a New Zealander—a kiwi which had come across the world from the Auckland Zoo.

This quaint flightless bird, dark brown in colour and nine inches high, flew 13,000 miles to London—by plane. From Auckland, it crossed the Pacific to Vancouver and then went across Canada to Montreal. There it joined another plane, which carried it across the North Atlantic to Amsterdam and then over the North Sea to London.

On reaching the London Zoo after this journey across the world, the bird was fast asleep. A dish of worms awaited it, covered in earth, for a kiwi likes to scratch and find things for itself. It will eat 200 worms a day.

Although the kiwi is New Zealand's most famous bird, and is the country's emblem, it is not a familiar sight there. A shy creature, it lives in the forest, sleeping by day and emerging only at night to feed on worms, insects, and berries. A swift runner, it has



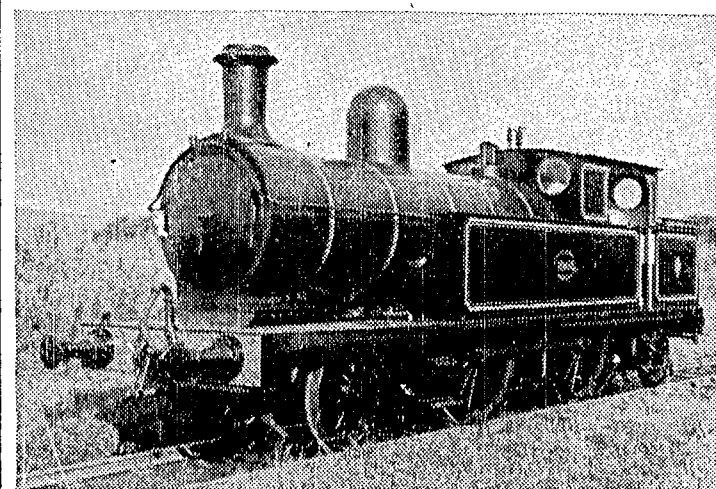
poor eyesight but acute hearing and a strong sense of smell. For its size, it lays a big egg—five inches long. The male bird does most of the nest building and also incubates the egg, sitting on the nest for two-and-a-half months before it is hatched.

### SNAKE MISLAID

For three hours a boa constrictor was hunted in vain in a London hotel. A pet snake, it had been put in a drawer for safety.

Eventually the police joined the hunt and found the boa, alive and well. It had made its way over the back of the drawer and had curled up on a shelf below.

## Old locomotive with a new look



also the year the Veteran Car Club was founded—and has promoted it ever since, except during the war years.

Note the word "Veteran" in the Car Club's title, because it is important. "Veteran Cars" are those built up to the end of 1904; "Edwardian Cars" are those built from 1905 to the end of 1915; "Vintage Cars" is the name given to the ones dating from 1916 to 1930.

Do entrants for the run receive any reward for completing the journey to Brighton? Yes, they get a medal which is a replica of the one awarded to all those who took part in the original run of 1896.

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This spick-and-span railway engine is actually 69 years old. Built in 1889 at the Horwich works, Lancashire, it is, in fact, the first locomotive ever produced there.

It was built by the former Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway and was the first of 270 of the 2-4-2 class K2 passenger tank locomotives. Now it has been completely restored and painted in its original Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway colours of black with white and red lining. Scheduled for preservation by the British Transport Commission, it is to be kept at the Horwich works for the time being.

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# NIGERIA ON THE WAY TO INDEPENDENCE

By the CN Political Correspondent

NIGERIA's leaders, in their splendid robes and head-dresses, have been attending conferences in London on the future of their country, Britain's largest colony. The great problem before them is how and when Nigeria, following the example of Ghana and Malaya, shall become a fully self-governing member of the British Commonwealth. Attainment of this by April 1960 is their target.

Nigeria's 33 million people are, for most main purposes, still governed from London. But they took a big step towards independence in 1954 when a federal or central government was established in addition to the existing provincial or regional governments.

More than six times as big as England and Wales, Nigeria is bounded on three sides by French territory, including the Sahara Desert in the north; but until the last century British traders knew only Lagos (now the federal capital) and the swampy coastal belt by the Gulf of Guinea.

Nigeria is now divided into four parts for governing purposes—the Northern Region (including the northern part of the Cameroons), the West Region (including Lagos), the Eastern Region, and the Southern Cameroons.

## 250 TRIBAL GROUPS

One of the issues at this year's conference in London was whether more regions or states should be created. Nigeria as a whole has 250 tribal groups. The great problem here, as in other parts of Africa, is how to weld the old tribal system into more modern forms of government.

The first of the big constitutional conferences on Nigeria was held in London in 1954, when the federation was created.

The second conference came last year. The West and East Regions were then granted self-government in internal matters, that is, apart from defence and foreign policy, while the Northern Region, less advanced, remained under British administration.

## DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

Of course, the North had the right to elect members to the federal "parliament." But there is a big difference between the North and other regions. While the North still has a British Governor and the other regions have their own Prime Ministers, the North also has a different system of election and, because the people are Moslem by religion, it does not give women the vote, as the other regions do.

Yet the Northern Region, being the largest in area and population (18 million people), sends most M.P.s to the federal "parliament" or House of Representatives—half the 184 members, in fact.

There are three main political parties in Nigeria. The future of the country will depend in the long run on how the more enlightened of these win recruits in all tribes and raise standards of living for the whole country.

At present the chief party in

the north is the Northern People's Congress, headed by the Sarduna of Sokoto and supported by the region's aristocracy. In the Eastern Region the Prime Minister is Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe (known as Zik, pronounced Zeek) and his governing party is the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (N.C.N.C.). The Action Group of the Western Region is led by Prime Minister Obafemi Awolowo.

These are the men now chiefly engaged on securing Nigeria's in-

## Clarinet instructor



After a year's course at the Royal Military School of Music, Twickenham, this bandsman from Nigeria is returning home as a clarinet instructor.

dependence, together with the federal Premier, Alhaji Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, who recently expressed pride in his country's association with Britain and his hopes of a prosperous partnership in the Commonwealth. "The truth is we are used to the British and their ways," he said.

There are opposition parties, of course, and their work and that of the reigning parties may well re-shape Nigeria's outlook.

Nigeria should have a bright future. It is chiefly an agricultural country. Ninety per cent. of its exports are agricultural—it is the third largest producer of cocoa in the world—and 80 per cent. of its people are engaged in various ways on the land. But among other things it mines 75 per cent. of the world's output of columbite, a steel-hardening ore, while oil in Eastern Nigeria shows signs of blossoming into a "boom" industry.

Of all the countries which have achieved independence of British rule with British assistance, none faces the future with greater confidence than Nigeria.

# Mawson of the Antarctic

Australia has been mourning the loss of one of her greatest men, Sir Douglas Mawson, who has died in Adelaide at the age of 76. He was honoured throughout the world as one of the heroic pioneers of Antarctic exploration.

Like Captain Cook, who discovered Australia, Mawson was born in Yorkshire; but he went to Australia as a boy, graduated in science at Sydney University, and soon made his mark. For 32 years he was Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at Adelaide University.

At the age of 21 Mawson was chosen to carry out a geological survey of the New Hebrides. Five years later he was with Sir Ernest Shackleton's Antarctic expedition. In 1911 and again in 1929 he was himself the leader of expeditions to Antarctica. All his exploration was inspired by his zeal as a scientist, ever in quest of new knowledge.

## GRIM EXPERIENCE

The greatest adventure in a life packed with adventure came to Mawson during his second Antarctic expedition, when he set out from his shore base with two dog teams, accompanied by Xavier Mertz, a dashing Swiss zoologist, and Lieutenant Ninnis, a young Englishman.

The little party progressed with difficulty over land covered with ice and snow, converted by hurricanes into hillocks, swells, and ridges, which looked as if a turbulent sea had suddenly become rigid. "Everywhere" crevasses abounded, covered by snow, and descending hundreds, even thousands of feet.

On the 35th day out, when the little party had covered 300 agonising miles, Ninnis disappeared down a crevasse, taking with him the best dog team and the sledge which held most of their stores.

All that day Mawson and Mertz endeavoured to reach their lost comrade, but save a faint whimper from one of the dogs which they saw lying on a ledge with its back broken, 150 feet down, and a blurred outline of the sledge, they could discover nothing.

In desperate plight, the survivors turned homeward.

## ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS

For nearly four weeks they struggled on; then poor Mertz died. All the other dogs had perished, too, so Mawson was left in a white wilderness completely alone. With little food to sustain him he had, single-handed, to drag his sledge along another hundred terrible miles.

Then, with his food nearly gone, he came upon the depot of supplies left by a search party. Mawson rested a few days and then managed to reach the base, only to find that his ship had sailed. He and the other men who had stayed behind for him had to spend yet another year in the Antarctic before the ship returned, to take him and his companions back to civilisation after some of the most appalling experiences any man ever lived to tell.

# News from Everywhere

A bull which escaped from a rodeo at Madison Square Garden, charged about New York streets until it was finally lassoed by a cowboy on horseback.

## ASK ALL THE YEAR

ASK 9211, London's telephone information service about the day's events, has proved so popular that the service is to be continued throughout the winter.

New Zealand is spending about £1,300,000 a year in destroying rabbits which would eat up grass intended for sheep and cattle.

The Australian population has risen in the last ten years by nearly two million. More than half that number are immigrants.

## GOLDEN WALLS

A vacuum cleaner used on the walls of the smelting plant at the Wau goldfield in New Guinea has recovered gold dust worth about £120 in the last four months.

Ghana's latest rice harvest (43 million tons) is more than double that of last year, owing to improved irrigation.

## THEY SAY . . .

IF nobody ever said anything unless they knew what they were talking about, a ghastly hush would descend upon the earth.

Sir Alan Herbert

ONE could devote £1,000,000 a year of Government and private money to the study of poetry, but I doubt if at the end of 40 years you would achieve a sonnet equal to the Ode to a Nightingale or a play the equal of Hamlet.

Lord Hailsham

THE first men to go to the Moon may have to take along juke-boxes to keep them from getting fits of "space horrors."

Commander George Hoover, U.S. Office of Naval Research

PARENTS are so afraid of appearing as stage Victorian tyrants that they have practically stopped giving orders.

Mr. A. N. Gilkes, High Master of St. Paul's School

Seven Impressionist paintings (three by Manet, two by Cezanne, one by Van Gogh, and another by Renoir) were auctioned for £781,000 in 21 minutes at a sale in London the other day. It was the highest figure ever reached at a one-day sale anywhere in the world.

## LONG SWIM

A salmon caught in the River Amur in the U.S.S.R. had a metal plate which showed that it had come from Seattle in the United States.

Britain exported 87,000 cars to the U.S. in the first seven months of this year—more than any other country.

## 70 YEARS WED

A Harrow couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Emsley, recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

After a lamp standard in Coventry had been knocked down by a lorry, a butcher stopped gas escaping by plugging the fractured pipe with sausages.

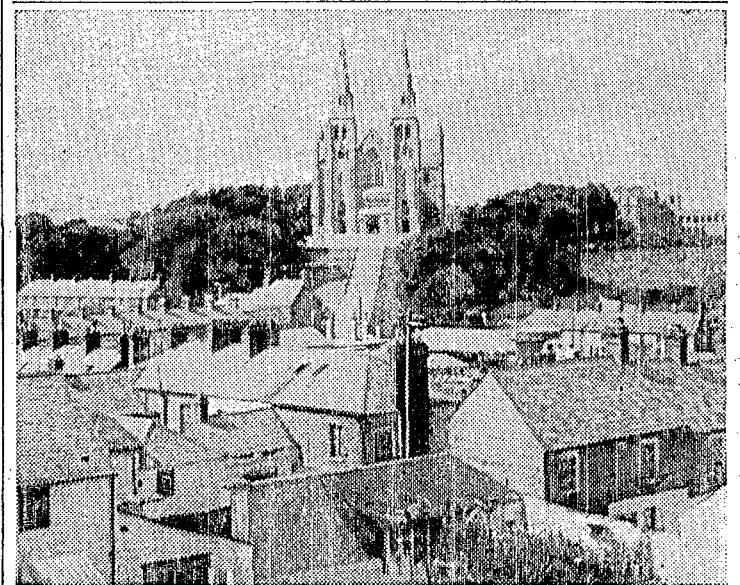
# Out and About

THE bright flames of a bonfire in the November dusk are not only a cheerful sight, they are part of this season. So are the smaller fires made by gardeners and farmers to burn up some of the leaves and other debris of the year, at the very time that the trees are growing buds for next spring.

It all goes back to our distant forefathers in pagan times. Guy Fawkes was not really the man who made big bonfires so popular; our remote ancestors lit them to make up for the dying away of the Sun, and to pray for its return and another spring's crops. They did the same at the end of the year, and in spring the best bonfires were to welcome the return of the Sun in strength.

All the things that give us pleasure in the countryside want the Sun as much as we do, and show it in the changing face of Nature.

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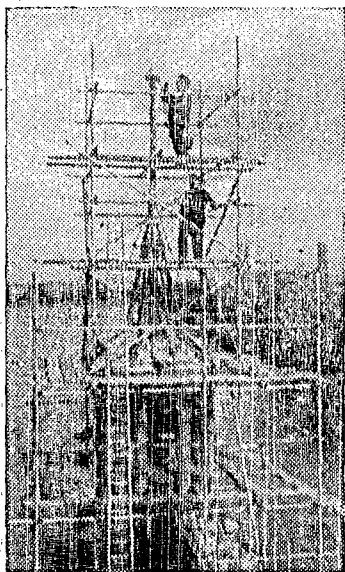


## OUR HOMELAND

The Roman Catholic cathedral at Armagh, Northern Ireland



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### Brightening-up the bridge

Albert Bridge, London, leading from Chelsea to Battersea Park, is having a new coat of paint. The job will take about three months.

### Summoned by the dog

Visitors to the White House in Washington sometimes catch a glimpse of an unusual dog. It is Heidi, President Eisenhower's three-year-old Weimaraner, a German breed of hunting dog from Weimar, in Thuringia.

Heidi seldom "hits the headlines," but one day she wandered into her master's deserted office and pressed the buzzer which summons one of his assistants. The official hurried in to find the dog, not the President, awaiting him. Everyone enjoyed a good laugh over Heidi's prank, and the story soon reached the newspapers.

The President shares a love of dogs with many other statesmen. Sir Winston Churchill, for instance, has confessed to being "owned by a poodle."

### SEVEN SWEDES TO A CAR

The Swedish Minister of Communications has stated that at the end of the Second World War Sweden had one car for every 70 inhabitants. Today it has one car for every seven people, a higher proportion than any other country in the world, except the U.S. and Canada.



## STAMP NEWS

**A**n international letter-writing week has been held in Japan to encourage people to correspond with others in overseas countries. A stamp marked the occasion.

**SIERRA LEONE** is to have a set of four stamps in honour of the Queen's visit next year. A competition for designs has been organised.

**A** new stamp shortly to be issued in Poland will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the landing of the first Polish settlers in America.

**RUSSIA's** first stamps were issued in 1858. The centenary is celebrated with ten new stamps showing various methods of postal deliveries.

**ITALY** and **Brazil** have issued stamps to mark the special bonds of friendship between them.

**NEW ZEALAND** is to issue special 2d., 3d., and 8d. stamps on November 3 to mark the centenary of the province of Hawke's Bay (see page eight). The 2d. stamp pictures a mermaid of Maori legend; the 3d. shows the famous gannet colony on Cape Kidnappers; and the 8d. stamp depicts a Maori 'sheep-shearer' at work.

**A**nother New Zealand issue is a special 3d. stamp to mark the centenary as a cathedral city of the historic town of Nelson. This stamp is unusual in having a white ground with a bishop's mitre and a cross in red in the centre.

### FARMERS ADOPT SCHOOLS

Twelve farmers of Holderness in the East Riding of Yorkshire have each agreed to adopt a Hull school.

The schoolchildren will visit the farms three times in the summer and perhaps twice in the winter. The farmers will also write to the schools and tell the children of the farms' progress. The Holderness branch of the National Farmers' Union hope that this will be a means by which citizens of Hull will in future years come to have some understanding of agriculture.

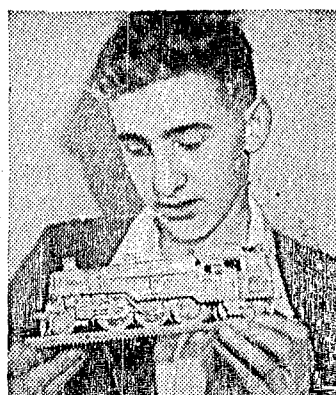
The scheme was propounded at Hull Guildhall after the "Field, Sea, and Factory" service had been held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull.

Mr. G. C. Dixon, chairman of the Holderness branch of the National Farmers' Union, states, "We will write to the schools and tell them what is going on, and the children can visit the farms. We hope there will be a new friendship between town and country, and that the town will have an appreciation of farming difficulties."

### Friendly foxes

London Zoo hostess Jill Braund has made friends with a pair of two-year-old foxes, Rocky and Glen.

### Match model



Roy Bird of Muxton, Shropshire, has made this model locomotive from about 1000 matches. He is now collecting more material to make the coaches.

### His message floated to Denmark

While on holiday at the Norfolk resort of Caister, nine-year-old Jimmy Halse threw a bottle into the sea. It contained a message and his home address—in Leicester—and he was hopeful that one day he would get an answer. His elder brother, Mervyn, was no less hopeful that he too would get an answer to the message he had launched in another bottle at the same time.

Now, four months later, Jimmy has had his hopes realised. He has had a letter (by ordinary post) from a Danish schoolgirl, Lisbeth Olesen, saying that she found the bottle on the beach near her home. Mervyn, who shared his brother's excitement, is still hopeful that he will get an answer to his own message, perhaps from a country even farther away than Denmark.

### Briton wins Nansen medal

Mr. David Hoggett of Cheltenham has been awarded the 1958 Nansen Medal for services to refugees. Two years ago he was helping other volunteers in building work in Austria when he fell from a roof and was crippled for life.

The medal is awarded every year by the Nansen Committee in Oslo for outstanding services to humanitarian causes, especially in connection with refugees.

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# Adventure in Ireland

## MAGIC ON THE SCREEN AGAIN

### filmed in Surrey

FEW spots in Britain can have been more filmed than the district round Frensham Ponds, Surrey.

"There's something of almost everything in the scenery there," I was told by Producer Richard

#### Silver Chords



Angela Laramy Caroline Morgan

HERE are two more of the girls who sing the children's hymn solo in the Light Programme's Silver Chords on Sunday morning. They are Angela Laramy (14) of Crosskeys, near Newport, Mon., and Caroline Morgan (15) of Pentre, Rhondda, who will be singing this Sunday. Angela and Caroline share the honour in rotation with Ann Adams of Barry, and Susan Twining of Ebbw Vale, whose portraits were in CN a fortnight ago.

Conductor Rae Jenkins chose them out of 50 auditioned.

West. "Most of us use it for outdoor shots, whether the scene is France or Scotland."

Recently a BBC film unit went down there to get background pictures for a children's serial set in another territory, this time the South of Ireland. Next Tuesday you can see the result, for Richard West is presenting the first instalment of The Mad O'Haras, a new six-part serial set in the forests and bogs of rural Ireland.

Adapted from a story by Patricia Lynch, it tells of Grania, a little girl who thinks she is an orphan and lives with her aunt and henpecked uncle. One day, however, it is revealed that her mother is alive—very much alive, in fact—at O'Hara Castle, where the wild Farrell family are having feuds with their neighbours.

Grania is played by 14-year-old Irish actress Jacqueline Ryan, who starred in the Rank film Jacqueline, named after her. She has flown from Dublin specially for The Mad O'Haras.

Gladys Young, the famous radio actress, plays Grania's grandmother. Other parts are taken by Shaun Barrett, Rosemary Scott, and Pauline Letts, who has been playing in Julius Caesar at the Old Vic, London.

WE are all used to seeing strange things happening in David Nixon's programme It's Magic. With people appearing and disappearing at the wave of a hand and others reduced to the size of Tom Thumb, we can expect anything.

At 8.15 on Friday night, David Nixon returns to BBC Television for the fourth series of It's Magic, and we shall be puzzled to know whether we shall watch switchcraft—or witchcraft. As you know, October 31 is Hallow-e'en, when witches are supposed to roam abroad, and David is hoping to persuade a few witches to gather round the cauldron.

One of the nicest witches will be Mandrake's partner. She helps him to perform the astonishing broomstick illusion seen in the picture. Mandrake—his stage name—has been touring the country with this trick, yet nobody seems any the wiser about how it is done.

Another guest will be Randi, a 30-year-old escapologist and magi-



cian who promises to free himself after being firmly strapped in a straitjacket. If any one can spot how it is done, it should be ex-

C.I.D. Superintendent Tom Fallon, late of Scotland Yard. David Nixon has invited him to the studio to see fair play.

#### Deaf children in Nature quiz

IF you have normal hearing, are you as quick with your eyes as a deaf child? Producer Ursula Eason, of BBC Children's TV, is inclined to doubt it.

"We find that deaf children are remarkably observant," Miss Eason told me. "It seems as if Nature specially compensates them for their lack of hearing."

We can put this to the test in BBC Children's TV on Friday. The programme entitled For Deaf Children will include a nature quiz called Try This One. Edward Denton, who is a teacher at the Jewish Children's School for the Deaf in London, will ask the questions and show pictures at the same time, following them with printed captions. Two deaf boys will compete with two deaf girls in the studio. Most of the time they will lip-read, but they will speak the answers.

#### The Commonwealth's tallest mast

A 1000-foot TV mast, almost the same height as the Eiffel Tower in Paris, will soon be looming up over the Suffolk village of Mendlesham. E.M.I. Electronics, Ltd., who have been given the contract by ITV, tell me it will be the tallest T-V mast in the whole Commonwealth.

It will carry ITV's East Anglian programmes from the studios of Anglian Television, Norwich, and will serve nearly two million people when the station opens towards the end of next year.

The aerial system will be specially shaped to prevent pictures being radiated at any strength towards London and the south. This is by international agreement to avoid interference with other transmitters.

#### What happened to the Dauphin?

##### THE YOUNG KING WHO NEVER REIGNED

WHAT happened to young Louis-Charles, the boy who should have been King of France after his father, Louis XVI, went to the guillotine in 1793? This remains one of the fascinating mysteries of history.

The story is told as a "Might-Have-Been" in The Lost King, in BBC Children's TV next Sunday. Based on the novel by Rafael Sabatini, it has been adapted for television by Constance Cox and will be presented by Naomi Capon.

What we do know about the young Dauphin is that he never reigned. At the age of seven, be-

fore his father's execution, he was imprisoned in the Temple in Paris, along with his mother Marie-Antoinette and his sister Marie-Therese.

For a time Louis-Charles was under the guardianship of a cobbler named Simon and his wife. It is widely believed that he was rescued. If so, what happened then?

Young Ronnie Raymond will be playing the part of Louis-Charles. Jacques Louis David, the great French painter, comes into the story and will be played by John Serrett, with Barry Letts as his pupil, Etienne La Salle.

#### THE BAD BOY WHO MAKES GOOD

THE radio and TV planners will no doubt remember the Fifth of November and work in something about Guy Fawkes, bonfires, and fireworks. As I write, however, the only programme with even a whiff of gunpowder in it is Mary Plumbly's play The Silver Coin in Association-Rediffusion next Tuesday (November 4).

Produced by Penny Wootton, this is about young Micki Smith, the bad boy of the neighbourhood, who eventually makes good and wins a prize of fireworks. But first of all the troubles follow thick and fast, rather as if

he had sat on a box of jumping crackers. He finds a silver coin in a house where a valuable picture has been stolen, is suspected of theft, and cleared of the charge only by the efforts of some of his friends, among them being Ann-Marie Clair.

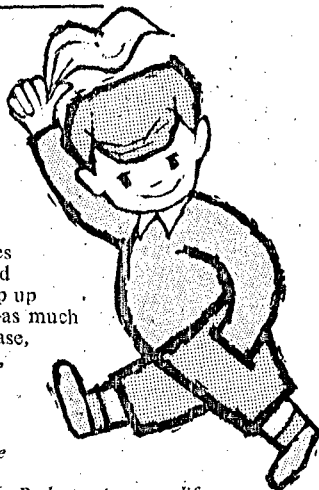
Micki makes a fine part for Paul Taylor, from the Aida Foster Drama School. Ann-Marie is played by Francesca Annis, of the Corona Stage School, whom many of you may remember in the Alice in Wonderland excerpt in Associated-Rediffusion's Nutshell programme.

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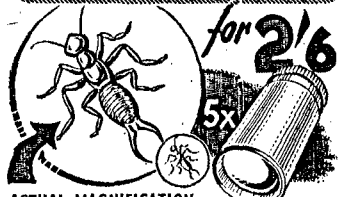


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## NEW FILMS

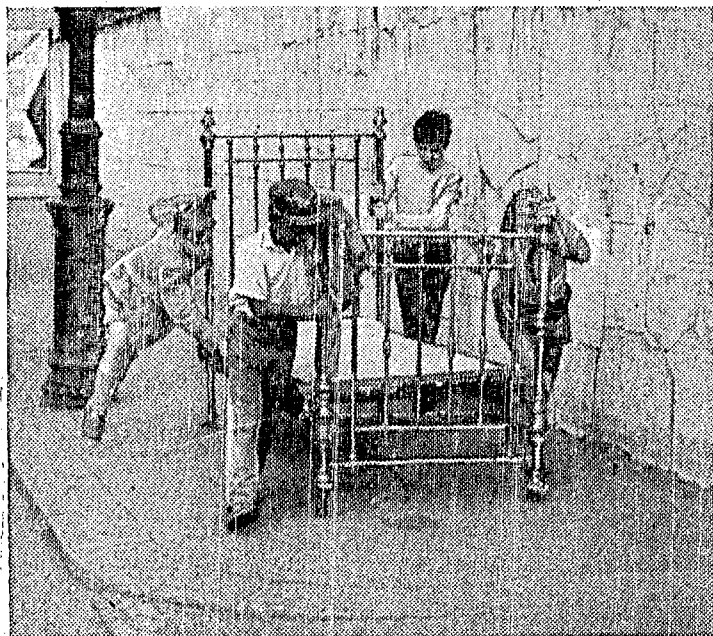
## Earning a pound in a hurry

THE Children's Film Foundation goes on doing a splendid job of work in producing amusing films for your special entertainment, as those of you who belong to one of the many Saturday morning film clubs well know.

A new picture has just been shown called *The Salvage Gang* and it tells of the light-hearted adventures of four London youngsters who find it very necessary

ful, but unfortunately before they can collect it, Shorty, a friendly rag-and-bone merchant working in the district, finds it and thinks it has been put out for him.

While Freddie is chasing their dog which has run away the other youngsters find a brass bed in the street. They don't know that it belongs to Freddie, whose parents are moving to another house in the street. So they



Taking home Freddie's bed—a scene from *The Salvage Gang*

to earn a pound in a hurry, but then discover that this is not so easy as they thought.

Now, why did they need the money? Well, one morning Pat, Kim, Freddie, and Ali (a cute little piccanniny) are making a rabbit hutch in the workshop belonging to Pat's father. She is horrified when Kim ruins her father's pet saw while finishing off the hutch. There is only one thing for it and that is to earn enough money to buy a new one.

### PAINTING DISASTER

They hit on the idea of offering to paint fences or even houses for money. The first job they get is to paint a canal boat but this turns out to be a real disaster. None of the children is an expert painter and the owner is so upset at the result that he falls into the canal and the children run off without waiting for their money.

Next Kim and Freddie decide to clean motor-cars. But Pat and Ali try to start a new line of business—washing dogs. Unfortunately neither of these jobs turns out better than the painting. The car that Kim and Freddie are washing comes to pieces in front of the owner's very eyes, and nobody seems to want their dog washed.

But time is passing quickly and still they have not earned a penny.

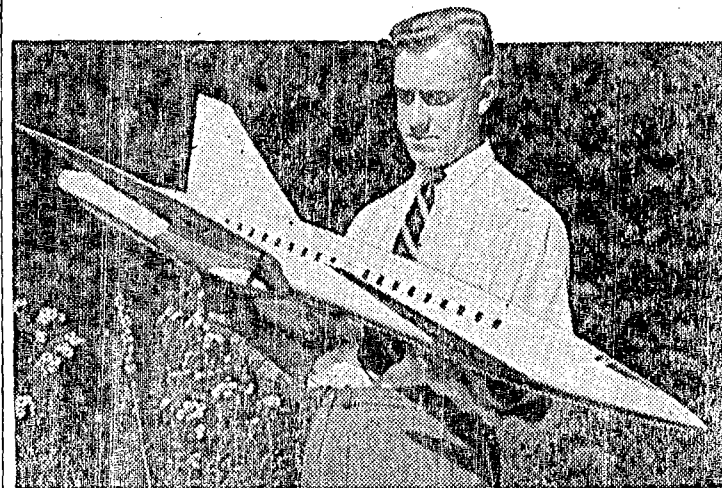
Then they decide to collect salvage and they put out handbills asking for people to put out their old iron. The response is wonder-

promptly sell it to a salvage firm which, in turn, sells it to a customer.

That starts trouble! The four children have a hectic bus chase across London before they can find it and persuade the new owner that it is theirs. Then they have a long walk home, pushing the bed through busy streets.

The laughter in this happy-go-lucky film comes thick and fast and the four youngsters—Amanda Coxell, Frazer Hines, Christopher Warbey, and Ali Allen—act very naturally. Another worthwhile thing about *The Salvage Gang* is that it shows some excellent views of London as the children push their bed through the streets.

This is a film which you will all enjoy.



## FINE WORK FOR THOSE IN NEED

It is just two-and-a-half years since Mr. J. B. Millwood, leader of Bexleyheath (Kent) Handicapped Children's Club, organised a national campaign. Since then 20 new clubs for handicapped boys and girls have started in many parts of the country. Members enjoy games, film shows, and all sorts of entertainment.

In Kent alone, there are clubs at Bromley, Dover, Gravesend, Maidstone, and Sevenoaks. But the newest club of all opened on September 26 at Luton, when more than 80 youngsters and adults attended a social. Now Bedford and Northampton have been "sparked off" by the Luton meeting.

### FILMING THEIR WORK

Much of Mr. Millwood's campaigning throughout the country has been helped by a film of his own club's activities. A print of this film is being sent to America, while another copy is being shown in Scandinavia. "There are still thousands of handicapped young people all over the country," he said, "who are in urgent need of the interests and the happiness provided by a social club designed specifically for their particular needs."

Mr. Millwood's independent committee, in which each member represents a different field of work with the handicapped, have not only pioneered the work for new clubs in the south-eastern counties, but have also run the national campaign started at Bexleyheath two-and-a-half years ago.

## Ten-shilling fish

Fishing on Lake Victoria, Central Africa, now offers an added thrill to anglers. Anyone catching a fish bearing a plastic tag can hand it to a Fisheries Officer and claim a 10s. reward.

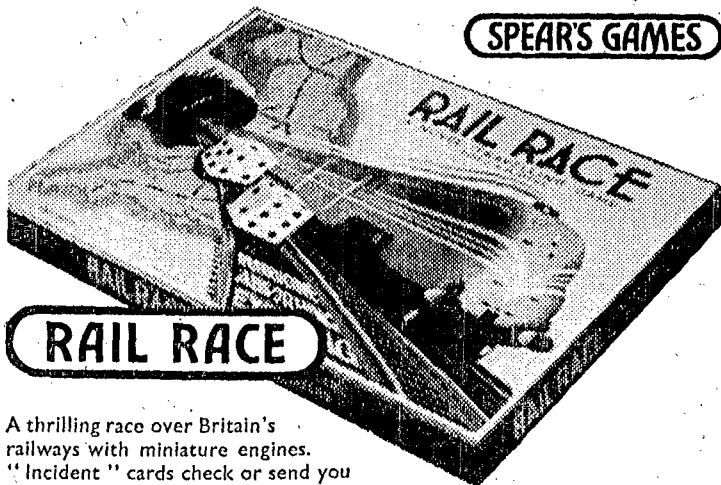
Fish are being marked with tags to provide information on the rate at which they mature and the way in which they migrate at different times of the year. Some fish have been caught as far as 160 miles from where they were tagged.

### Model of a jet airliner

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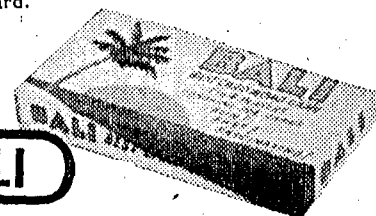
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# TAKING THE RIGHT ROAD FOR HAPPY CYCLING

The Children's News



Can you ride a bicycle safely? Is your cycle in first-class condition? Do you know the Highway Code? Throughout Britain there are over 240,000 children who can truthfully answer "yes" to all these questions. They have passed the National Cycling Proficiency Test and are justifiably proud of having done so. A CN correspondent watched a Cycling Proficiency Test being carried out the other day and here he describes what took place and how the Test helps to make for greater Safety on the Roads.

"IMAGINE I am the driver of a car proceeding in front of you," the police constable was saying to a ten-year-old girl. "You see my right arm put sideways out of the window. What would you expect me to do?"

"Turn to the right," said the girl, without hesitation.

"Good," said the policeman. "And if you saw my left arm held straight out of the window, what would you expect me to do?"

"Turn to the left," came the prompt reply.

The policeman's eyes twinkled. "Long arms, haven't I?" he said, with a chuckle.

The young lady was not a bit daunted. "No, sir, you are in a car with a left-hand drive, and you cannot give the correct 'turn-left' signal."

That little girl, who certainly earned full marks for that answer, was one of the fifty children I saw the other day at Wimbledon, Surrey, taking the Cycling Proficiency Test organised by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA). In various parts of the school playground, which was marked out to resemble a typical road junction, with traffic lights and Halt sign, young riders were being put through their paces by experts.

In one part of the playground was a group demonstrating signals to a policeman; in another were several children taking the obstacle test—showing that they could control their machine while having to avoid something in the road. At one corner was a lad setting out to negotiate a right-hand turn across the junction; at another a young cyclist was braking sharply to avoid the "absent-minded" examiner who had stepped off the kerb without first making sure the road was clear.

## NO AGE LIMIT

I asked Mr. Sayers, the Road Safety Officer of Wimbledon, at what age the children could take the Proficiency Test, and was told there is no age limit.

"If they're old enough to ride on the road they're old enough to take the Test," was the prompt reply. "In point of fact, the youngest are about eight. But I like to see more of the older boys and girls taking it."

"Youngsters who have been riding for some time tend to get careless and to take chances. We know that the peak age for accidents is between eleven and 15—and 75 per cent of those accidents could have been avoided if proper care had been taken."

"Actually, the bicycle is the safest vehicle on the road. Of the twelve million cycles in use last year only 56,650 were involved in accidents. I say 'only' because this is a comparatively small proportion compared with that of other vehicles. Even so, it means that more than 150 cyclists are involved in accidents every day—a number which could be drastically reduced if more youngsters took the Test and so rode in accordance with the Highway Code."

## REDUCED FATALITIES

Yet the number is being reduced. In 1938 the fatal accidents to cyclists numbered 1401; last year, in spite of the much greater number of cars on the road, the total was 663. Much of this improvement is undoubtedly due to the vast amount of pamphlets, guides, and booklets issued every year by RoSPA. But even more credit must go to the Safe Cycling Scheme worked out by RoSPA in co-operation with the Police, local authorities, the cycling organisations, and other voluntary helpers.

Arrangements can be made for the Police or volunteer experts to give preliminary training to pupils. The lessons fall into six groups: riding position and cycle control, maintenance and adjustment, pedalling and braking, safe starting and stopping, signalling, and turning right at a road junction.

Hertfordshire boys and girls taking the control test, weaving in and out of obstacles



"Correct," says Safety Officer Mr. Sayers as he receives the last answer



An expert examining a competitor's cycle to see that it is roadworthy



paper, November 1, 1958

# CYCLING

Great emphasis is placed on the mastery of this road junction drill, for slackness in this respect is the cause of most accidents.

The second part of the scheme consists of the practical Proficiency Test, in which entrants have to show if they have thoroughly learned those six lessons. To pass the examination candidates must obtain 75 per cent in each of the six sections.

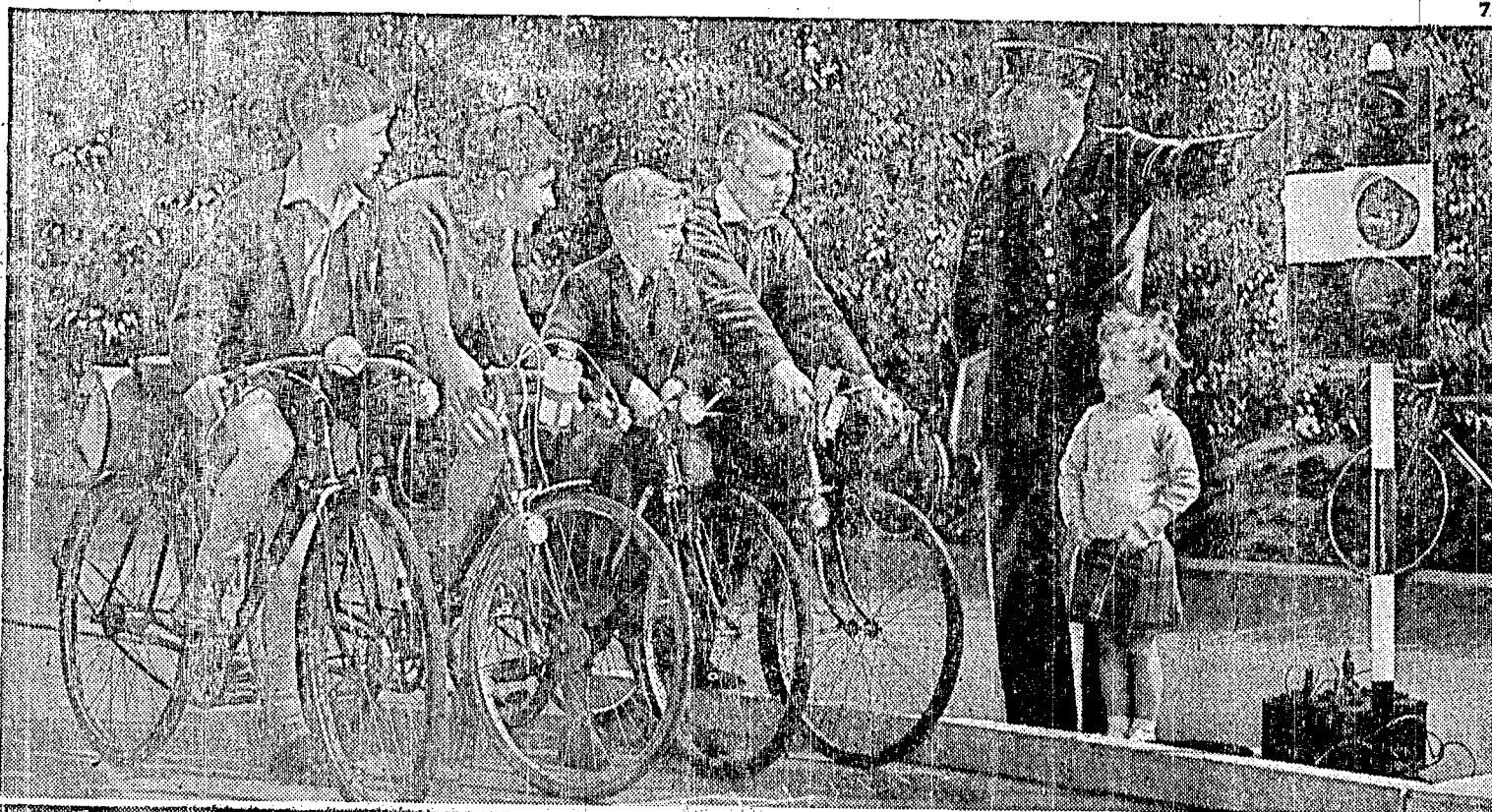
Riders obtaining the necessary marks qualify for the National Cycling Proficiency Certificate and a badge; and many organisers are also awarding a pennant to those who obtain more than 90 per cent.

Since the scheme was started in 1947 over 240,000 children have passed the Test, and the number is increasing rapidly. More and more young people are eager to prove their ability and be able to display their badge or pennant. More and more parents are realising that here is a method that helps to safeguard their sons and daughters. More and more schools are allowing instruction to be given in lesson time; some headmasters, indeed, are insisting that only pupils who have passed the Test may ride their bikes to school.

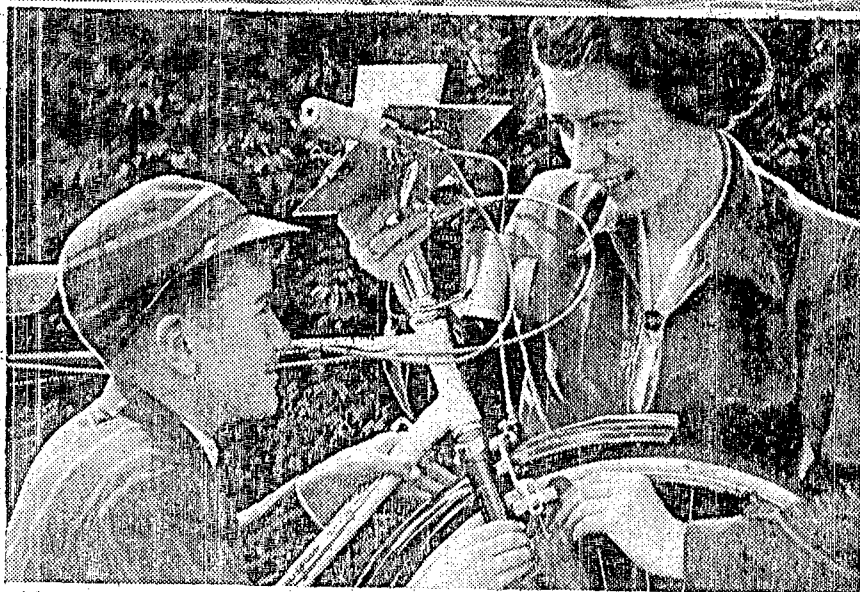
## EXPANDING THE SCHEME

There is still much to be done, of course, as was pointed out in the Report to the Minister of Transport last year by the Working Party on Child Cyclists. That Report is now being acted upon. With Government backing, the Society's scheme is to be extended into a National Cycling Scheme, with the aim of training as many as 300,000 young cyclists every year. Safe Cycling is Happy Cycling is to be the theme of the new plan.

"Driving away in my car after the Test, I saw one of the successful candidates in front of me, approaching a crossroads. He looked over his shoulder, put out his right hand, and moved to the crown of the road. I had no doubt as to his intentions. He was a safe and happy cyclist!"



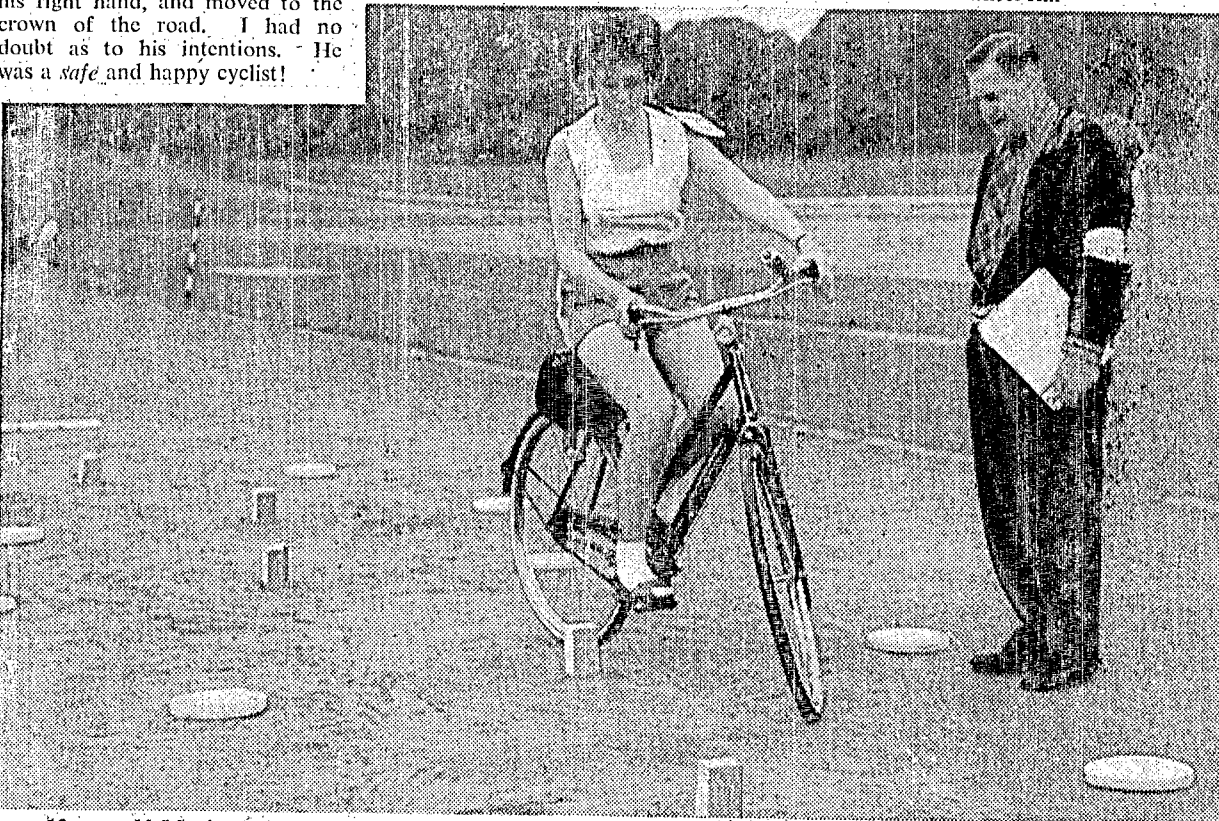
A police sergeant teaching Surrey schoolboys the correct procedure when approaching traffic lights



Checking the space between brake block and wheel rim



The arm of the law signals Halt



13-year-old Monica Winter of Dagenham, Essex, winner of the recent Metropolitan area Proficiency Championships



Two successful young riders in a London Safety Week campaign



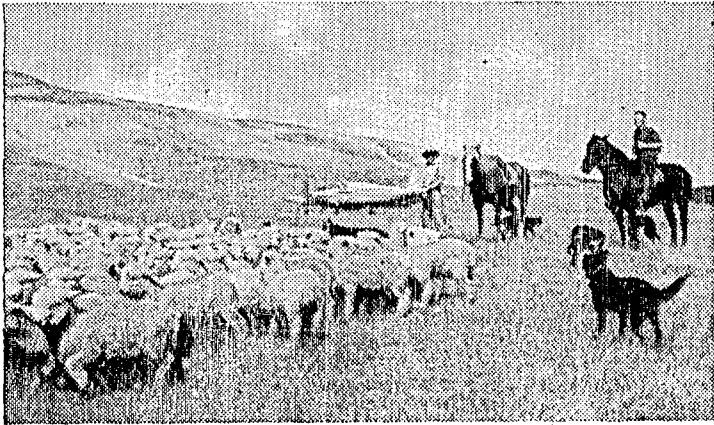
## BIG DAY FOR HAWKE'S BAY Following the old fur-traders

On November 1 the people of Hawke's Bay, on the east coast of New Zealand's North Island, will celebrate the centenary of their province. A relay team running over hill and dale from Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, will carry a message from the Dominion's Prime Minister to a special gathering at Napier, the seaport capital of the province.

It was on November 1, 1858, that Hawke's Bay was officially proclaimed a province, but British

ties of civilisation, the hardy pioneers found the secret of future prosperity—breeding sheep. The first sheep-run was established in 1847. Today buyers come from many countries to Hastings, the biggest town, to bid for Hawke's Bay wool.

Hawke's Bay province has a population of over 104,000—including 10,600 Maoris. There are fine roads, beautifully laid-out towns with fine buildings and parks.



A sheep station at Hawke's Bay in New Zealand

settlement had begun some years before.

The Bay was discovered in 1769 by Captain Cook when he sailed down the coast in the Endeavour, and named it after the victorious commander, Admiral Lord Hawke. Captain Cook did not land, but exchanged cloth for fish with Maoris who came out to his ship in canoes. On his next visit, in 1773, he gave the Maoris two boats and two sows, which may well have been the ancestors of all the wild pigs which later roamed the forests of Hawke's Bay.

The first white residents were whalers and missionaries, the first whaling station being set up in the 1830's. Settlers followed and lived in very primitive huts surrounded by a wild expanse of fern, flax, coarse grass, swamp, and bush. Here, far from the ameni-

## Remembering a pioneer canal-builder

James Brindley, pioneer builder of canals, is to be commemorated in the Derbyshire village of Wormhill, where he was born in 1716. The Director of Education for Derbyshire will unveil a plaque in his memory on November 1, on behalf of the Derbyshire Archaeological and Natural History Society. The plaque will mark the actual site of his birthplace.

James Brindley came from a poor home and received very little education, and was never able to spell or even read very easily. He never drew plans of his work for most of his problems were solved in his head. When something particularly difficult turned up he would go to bed and think it out there, until he had a solution.

Apprenticed to a millwright

when he was 17 he set up in business for himself as a repairer of old machinery. In 1752 he built an ingenious water-engine for draining a coal-mine, and was later employed by the Duke of Bridgewater to make the famous Bridgewater Canal to bring coal from the Worsley mines to Manchester. He carried his new waterway across the Irwell at Barton by a remarkable aqueduct 39 feet above the river.

Altogether he was responsible for nearly 400 miles of canals, in-



cluding the Grand Trunk Canal, connecting the Mersey, Trent, and Severn; the Coventry-Wolverhampton Canal; the Birmingham Canal; and the Chesterfield Canal.

He lived always for his work. When, under examination before a committee of the House of Commons, he was asked what he thought was the reason for the creation of rivers, he replied, "Undoubtedly to feed navigable canals."

At one time an ash tree grew through the floor of Brindley's old home. Known locally as Brindley's tree, it served as a reminder of the great man long after his cottage had been destroyed. But it was blown down some years ago, and so another ash tree is to be planted on the site.

## Explorations in the realm of Music

Just as walking through a wood is more fun if we know something of the wild creatures living in it, so our enjoyment of music is enhanced when we can bring a little knowledge to our listening.

For this reason we can thoroughly recommend a new book called *The Enjoyment of Music*, by Joseph Machlis (Dennis Dobson 50s.). It is a book which should be in every public library, and in every school library, too. It is not a work for highbrows. The author is a member of the teaching staff at Queens College, New York, and he believes in illustrating his points so that they can be understood by students of music, and also by ordinary music-lovers.

He often has a passing reference to painting and architecture, both in word and picture, to emphasise how a change of ideas has brought a change in music, too. This is a human book. It shows how music is related to the people of the period in which it is written—we can see, for instance, that

people of the machine age may want different music from their predecessors.

The author explains what one might call the building materials of music—melody, harmony, and rhythm, and tempo. He writes of the instruments of the orchestra and gives pictures of them. He explains what a symphony is, and what are the characteristics of a concerto.

As the story of the development of music is laid before us we find

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brief lives of the composers concerned. In the opera section we find Weber, Wagner, and Verdi; under Song and Piano we naturally find Schubert, Schumann, and Chopin. Moderns such as Bartok are here, too; and there is a final section on American music and music makers.

A good index and a useful list of gramophone recordings of the pieces discussed in the text round off a book which anyone keen on music would be eager to borrow from a library.

### TEA-DRINKERS WITH A SWEET TOOTH

We are a nation of tea-drinkers. The latest figures available (for 1956) show that on average every person in Britain used just over ten pounds of tea in that year. We are also a people with a sweet tooth, having consumed nearly 111 pounds of sugar per head in the same year.

## HEREWARD THE WAKE—picture-version of Charles Kingsley's tale of Saxon England (4)



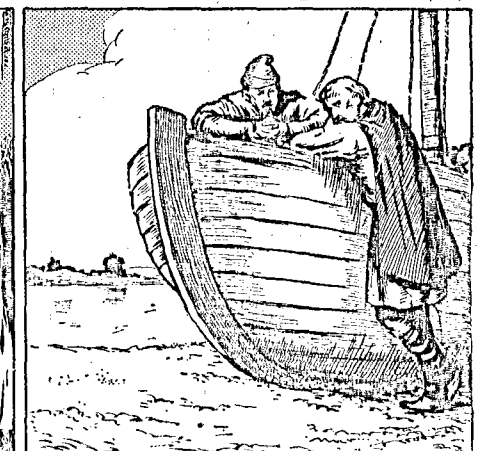
The angry followers of the slain giant, Ironhook, were about to attack Hereward and Martin when the local priest intervened. He proposed that he should keep the newcomers locked in the church until the next day, when there could be a fair trial of the charge against Hereward of foul play in his fight with Ironhook. Reluctantly the others agreed, and Hereward and Martin were marched off as prisoners.



Hereward was still downcast at the strange behaviour of the "princess" of this tiny Cornish "kingdom." Why, he asked Martin, had she been so distressed by the death of the brutish Ironhook? Had he lived he would have forced her father to give her to him in marriage, regardless of the fact that she loved an Irish nobleman. "Women are strange things," replied Martin. "Have patience, say I."



Later, the princess herself came to the church with the priest. She explained that she had been obliged to make a show of grief for Ironhook in case it was thought that she and her father had betrayed him, for which they would have paid with their lives. She gave Hereward the giant's sword, and asked him to go to Ireland and tell her lover to come for her. Though in love with her himself, Hereward agreed.



She gave Hereward the door key, and told him to bind her and the priest to make Ironhook's men think that she and the old man had been tied up by the prisoners. Hereward and Martin then went to a ship in the river. The owner, a visiting merchant, was willing to take them to Ireland for the money Hereward offered, but could not sail until the tide turned. Anxiously, Hereward and Martin waited.

How long before Ironhook's men find that the prisoners have escaped? See next week's instalment





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# JENNINGS, AS USUAL

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings has drawn a Christmas card for Mr. Wilkins, hoping that it will put him in a friendly mood, for the master has confiscated a penknife and Jennings is anxious to get it back before the end of term. While the boys are decorating the Common Room, Jennings folds his Christmas card into a dart and sends it through the staff room window to Mr. Wilkins.

## 21. Garland for Mr Wilkins

UNFORTUNATELY the jet-propelled greetings card quite failed to inspire Mr. Wilkins with seasonable greetings of goodwill, as Jennings had hoped. Indeed, it had the reverse effect, for the master's first reaction, as the missile sailed in through the window and skimmed the top of his head, was one of extreme annoyance. . . . Had these boys no manners? What did they think they were playing at, hurling pieces of paper into the staff room in this insolent manner?

He picked up the dart and glanced at it briefly—so briefly, in fact, that he did not even recognise it as a Christmas card designed in his honour. All the effort that had been put into the drawing appeared to him as no more than mere childish scribble. What he did notice, however, was that the dart had been made from a page torn from a school drawing-book.

Mr. Wilkins simmered with indignation. Only two days before, when checking the contents of the stationery cupboard, he had been appalled to learn what a large quantity of exercise books the boys had used during the term. The headmaster, too, had been equally concerned when the facts were reported to him, and he had impressed upon the whole school the need for the strictest economy in future. . . . And here were these disobedient boys wantonly wasting drawing books by tearing out pages and scattering them about as though they were taking part in a paper chase. He would soon put a stop to this extravagant nonsense, Mr. Wilkins told himself, as he strode resolutely out of the staff room.

Meanwhile, on the floor above, the inventor of the aerial Christmas card was still enjoying the hearty back-slappings of his colleagues.

"I reckon Sir ought to feel jolly

honoured," Darbshire was saying for the fifth time. "Considering old Jennings has gone out of his way to be specially decent, Old Wilkie's bound to . . ."

He stopped abruptly as the Common Room door swung open to reveal the tall figure of Mr. Wilkins on the threshold. In his hand he held a crumpled dart and it was clear from his expression that the jet-propelled greetings had aroused no answering echo in his heart. For a moment he glowered at the paper chains festooned like lines of washing from wall to wall. Then he said: "Which of you ill-mannered little boys has been throwing pieces of paper into the staff room?"



An endless coil of crinkly links cascaded onto Mr. Wilkins' shoulders

The group looked at him in dismay. This was no way to respond to friendly wishes of goodwill!

"Oh, but, sir, you don't understand . . ." Jennings began in distressed tones.

"So it was you, was it? Jennings, as usual," Mr. Wilkins broke in. "I might have known it! Really, your behaviour is deplorable. How dare you turn the Masters' Common Room into a refuse dump by hurling half the contents of the waste-paper basket through the window!"

"That wasn't waste-paper, honestly, sir," Jennings defended himself. "It was a sheet of my drawing book that I'd done a Christmas card on—specially for you personally, sir."

"To put you in a good mood, sir," Darbshire added incautiously. "What did you say, Darbshire?"

"Er—I mean, to wish you the

comps of the season, sir. We thought you'd be ever so pleased, sir."

For a moment Mr. Wilkins' icy disapproval seemed about to thaw. If the boy's motive really had been well-intentioned, then he was prepared to regard the matter in a different light. Even so, there was no excuse for tearing pages out of a drawing book so soon after the headmaster's warning about the extravagant use of school stationery.

"I hadn't realised it was a Christmas card," the master said in kindlier tones as he advanced into the room. "All the same, Jennings, you've been told often enough that exercise books are a very expensive item, and it's sheer, wasteful . . ."

## Bandage of streamers

At that moment an unfortunate thing happened. Seeking to underline his warning with a gesture, Mr. Wilkins made a wide sweep with his arm and touched a weak link in the paper chain suspended above his head. Immediately, an endless coil of crinkly links cascaded down onto his shoulders like a victor's garland of flowers.

The boys stared aghast as Mr. Wilkins struggled to free himself from the embracing bandage of streamers. Though in happier circumstances they might have found the sight amusing, this was hardly the moment to express their feelings in a tactless manner.

"Doh! Why on earth you boys have to clutter the place up with all this ridiculous tomfoolery . . ." Mr. Wilkins fumed. He snatched at a length of chain which had twisted itself round his neck, and glared at the object with disfavour.

## Fateful writing

The master was about to let it drop to the floor when something about it caught his eye, and he looked at it more closely. Like the rest of the home-made decorations, the piece which he held had been made from strips of paper cut, coloured and gummed to form the links of a chain. And underneath the blue and red crayon he could read a number of words and phrases which told him only too clearly where the material for the streamer had come from.

Wool is the chief product of Australia, one of the links informed him in a spidery handwriting. In New Zealand sheep are reared on the Canterbury Plains, another announced; while a few feet along the chain a fragment of the coast-line of South America suggested the previous existence of a sketch map.

Mr. Wilkins bridled indignantly. Here was proof that some boy had been using his geography book for a highly irregular purpose.

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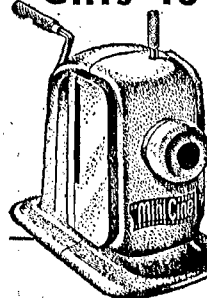
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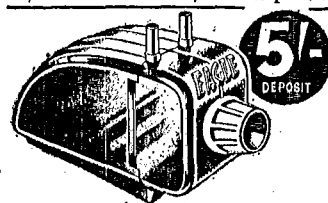
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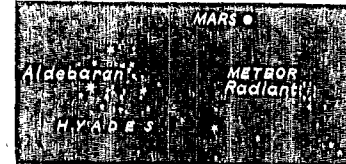
NEITHER Venus nor Jupiter can be seen in the sky at the present time because they are far beyond the Sun and almost behind it. If the Sun could be darkened, as when totally eclipsed by the Moon, Venus and Jupiter would now be seen to appear very close together, even though they are actually some hundreds of millions of miles apart.

On November 5 Jupiter will appear to pass just above the Sun at a distance about the Sun's apparent diameter away. On November 11 Venus will also appear to pass above the Sun and at a distance only little farther away than in the case of Jupiter.

If this event could be viewed from some world other than our own, it would be seen that the Sun, Venus, Jupiter, the Earth, and Mars were almost in a straight line. It is an event that rarely happens.

Both Jupiter and Venus are travelling from right to left, Jupiter at present leading, but Venus is travelling much faster than Jupiter. On November 7, Venus will pass Jupiter and

thenceforward go ahead rapidly, appearing farther and farther from the Sun. So early in December Venus may be seen low in the south-west soon after sunset, growing brighter and more resplendent. Jupiter, however, will reappear in the morning sky and may be seen



very low in the south-east in three or four weeks' time.

In the evening sky Aldebaran can be now seen in the south-east a little way to the left of Mars. Of course, Aldebaran is actually far beyond Mars, in fact, about 4,500,000 times farther away. The light from Mars takes about four minutes to reach us; from Aldebaran it takes 44 years.

Though Aldebaran appears from the star-map to be a member of the Hyades star cluster, this is not so; for the Hyades stars are at an average distance from us of about 136 light-years. Moreover

Aldebaran is travelling through space in what is to us a southerly direction, whereas the Hyades are all speeding toward the east.

Only about 25 of the Hyades stars can be seen with the naked-eye, even though the night be very clear and dark, but an astronomical telescope will reveal upwards of a hundred, most of them being members of this wonderful cluster, of stars, and all of an advanced type as regards age.

Aldebaran is in a very early stage of its existence. It is a colossal mass of glowing fire-mist and flame in rapid rotation, with whirling cyclones of fiery erupting elements entirely covering the surface. Its measured diameter is 32,600,000 miles, nearly 38 times greater than that of our Sun. Aldebaran radiates about 60 times more light and heat than does our Sun.

Just now an occasional meteor may be seen coming from the *Radiant* indicated on the star map. These are known as the Taurid Meteors because they appear to radiate from the constellation of Taurus.

G. F. M.

**JENNINGS, AS USUAL**

Continued from page 9

"What's the meaning of this?" he demanded. "How dare any of you boys tear up your exercise books to make these trumpery decorations?"

The little group fidgeted uncomfortably. "It's not my book, sir," Temple said virtuously.

"Nor mine, either, sir. I only used old newspapers and stuff," Atkinson volunteered.

"It's obviously some boy in Form III," Mr. Wilkins went on. "Come along, now, have any of you others been tearing up your exercise books?"

**Admission of guilt**

Jennings gulped and swallowed hard. "Please, sir, I think that piece came from one of mine," he admitted.

"Doh! You silly little boy!"

"But it was only my *old* one, sir," Jennings explained, quite unaware that he had committed an offence. "It was all used up with old notes and stuff, so I didn't think it'd be wanted again as it was the end of term, sir!"

Mr. Wilkins almost danced with frustration among the ruins of the home-made decorations.

"Of course it'll be wanted again," he stormed. "The fact that a book is full of notes doesn't mean it can be thrown away. It's something to be kept and referred to all through your school life. And here's a whole term's work on the geography of Australia, New Zealand, and South America, torn to shreds to make these absurd decorations!"

"I'm sorry, sir. I didn't think," Jennings confessed.

"You never do think, that's the trouble! What's the point of my dictating notes if you're going to tear the things up as soon as you've written them down?"

"Yes, sir. I mean, no, sir. No good at all, sir."

By this time Jennings was only too well aware of the breach of rules he had unwittingly committed. However, the damage was done, now; and since he had apologised, surely the best thing to do was to consider the matter over and done with.

But Mr. Wilkins had other ideas. "You deserve to be severely punished for sheer wasteful extravagance of school stationery, to say nothing of destroying the notes of a term's work." He searched his mind for a fitting punishment. "And that being the case, you can stay away from the party this afternoon."

Gasps of horror and dismay rose from the group at the severity of the sentence.

"Oh, sir, please let him off, sir," Derbishire urged in distressed tones. "After all, it is nearly Christmas, sir."

"Be quiet, Darbishire! I don't care if it's August Bank Holiday. You boys have still got to learn

that you can't play fast and loose with school rules and expect to get away with it."

Jennings stood numb with misery. This was the end of everything. All the trouble he had taken to inspire Mr. Wilkins with feelings of goodwill, and now *this* had to happen! With an effort, he forced his mind back to what the master was saying.

"... and you can spend the time doing something useful instead. You can tidy the stationery cupboard and make sure all the books are stacked in apple-pie order."

Tearing himself free from the streamers entangling his ankles, Mr. Wilkins strode to the door. On the threshold he turned and said: "That's what we mean, Jennings, by letting the punishment fit the crime. If you're made to devote your energies to tidying the stationery, it may, perhaps, teach you not to tear up valuable exercise books quite so freely another time!"

To be continued

**JUST A FEW WORDS**

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in *italics*. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

Answers are given on page 11

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|---|--|
| 1. Our army is in a <i>strategic</i> position.<br>A—Desperate danger.<br>B—Divided into sections.<br>C—Has every advantage. | 4. The snake seemed to be <i>lethargic</i> .<br>A—Poisonous and deadly.<br>B—Coiled round like a spring.<br>C—Very drowsy.           |
| 2. That was a <i>fatuous</i> remark.<br>A—Extremely silly.<br>B—Full of foreboding.<br>C—A funny joke.                      | 5. The sailor was very nearly <i>deserted</i> .<br>A—Wicked and law-breaking.<br>B—Without the necessities of life.<br>C—Dim-witted. |
| 3. I admire his <i>virtuosity</i> .<br>A—Artistic skill.<br>B—Goodness of behaviour.<br>C—Many-sided character.             | 6. His explanation was <i>verbose</i> .<br>A—Shockingly outspoken.<br>B—Learnt by heart.<br>C—Too long and wordy.                    |

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Two people were watching a football match when one turned to the other and said: "That boy's a good player, I must say, even though he is my son." The other smiled and replied: "I certainly agree with you; I'm proud of him, because he is my son."

If this is true, what is the relationship between the two people?

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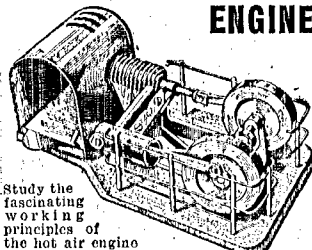


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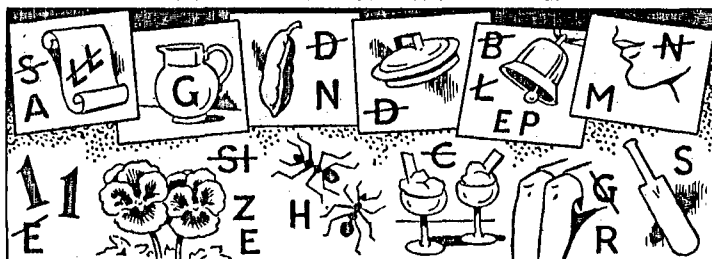
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## POINTS OF THE COMPASS

Use a point of the compass to complete the names of six towns in England.

—allerton.  
—end.  
—bourne.  
—wich.  
—minster.  
—port.

## LOST VOWELS

By filling in the missing vowels you will form the names of eight well-known flowers.

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CTMNT.

## LUCKY DIP

### THE DINGLE GNOME

DOWN Dingle Dell there lives a gnome,  
He lives in a pretty toadstool home;  
Its roof is red, and its windows bright;  
A glow-worm's tail is his candle light.  
Gnome sits outside through the summer long,  
And sings a merry woodland song.  
Then when the snow lies round his house,  
He stays indoors with his friend Dor Mouse,  
And huddled close, through the cold, cold weather,  
They eat and snore and dream together.

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### JUST WAITING

I'M feeling so unhappy,  
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I mustn't touch the glue—  
I'm not to romp with Rover,  
I may not even run—  
I can't do anything at all,  
Or have a bit of fun!  
I've just to sit upon this chair  
As quiet as can be,  
While Mummy's getting ready  
To take me out to tea!

## BILLY KEEPS THE LEAVES DRY

ABOUT this time of year Billy was usually busy collecting leaves for Guy Fawkes Night. But as he always had trouble in keeping them dry he had decided that this year he would not bother.

He changed his mind, however, when Daddy said that they would make a fine leaf-mould for the garden and that someone might get sixpence if they were gathered into a tidy heap.

Billy then set to work with a rake, and before long he had the leaves piled at the bottom of the garden. Then he went in to watch Children's Television.

There was still a few minutes before the programme started and as Billy waited he heard an expert talking about gardening—and leaf-mould. It seemed that if the leaves were dried they were specially valuable in the garden.

"Oh dear," sighed Billy. "These leaves always want drying before they are useful for anything."

Next morning he went into the garden to see how he could keep the leaves dry. Then he hit upon the answer.

He had just finished when Daddy came into the garden and went to the tool shed to get a screwdriver.

"You've been busy, young Billy," he said. "But what have you done with all the leaves?"

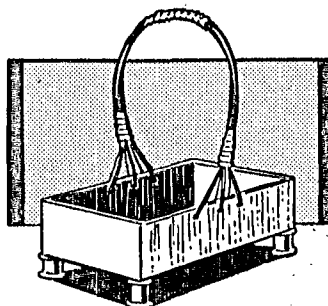
As Billy started to tell him Daddy opened the door of the tool shed—and was buried up to his knees in the leaves which came tumbling out.

"I had a jolly good idea about keeping the leaves dry," Billy was saying, "and I think I . . . I think I . . ." He stopped short. The look on Daddy's face told him that storing the leaves in the tool shed was not such a good idea after all.

And it took him very much longer to empty the shed than it had taken him to fill it.

## MAKE YOURSELF THIS FIRESIDE BASKET

A WOODEN box from the grocer's or the fruiterer's can be made into a most attractive basket to hold logs for the fire. First,



smooth the box by rubbing with sandpaper; then glue a cotton reel or small wooden block to each corner to act as legs. Bore three holes in one side of the box and three more directly opposite. A thin cane should then be threaded through each hole and bent over so that the other end can be passed through the hole directly opposite.

Then bring each end up until there is sufficient to bind, with raffia, to the rest of the cane, as seen in the diagram. The three canes should then be bound together at the top, thus providing a comfortable handle.

Finally paint the box both inside and out.

### HOWLERS

A LEVERET is a small lever, and a ducat is a baby duckling.

## TRAVELLING ON

IN far-off days when roads were stony,  
Man travelled round on "Shanks's Pony."  
This proved too slow, and so, of course,  
He learned to mount and use a horse.  
Not satisfied, creative brains  
Discovered steam and so the trains.  
Motor-cars were next on view,  
Electric trams, and tube trains, too.  
And then, to everyone's surprise,  
Aircraft climbed up to the skies.  
When folk demanded greater speed,  
Planes with jets supplied the need.  
Such things will be outdated soon,  
When rockets travel to the Moon.

## DID YOU KNOW?

THE highest town in the world is La Paz, in Bolivia. It is on the top of a mountain and 12,450 feet above sea-level.

## JUST A FEW WORDS

1. C. Strategy is generalship, or the art of conducting a campaign. A strategic position is one offering its holder a decisive advantage. (From Greek *strategos*, a general.)
2. A. Entinous means silly; imbecile. (From Latin *fatuus*.)
3. A. Virtuosity is exceptional technical skill in music or other fine art. (From Latin *virtus*, moral excellence.)
4. C. Lethargic means behaving as though sleepy. (From Greek *lethargia*, drowsy forgetfulness.)
5. B. Destitute means forsaken; and so in utter want. (From Latin *de*, away, and *statuere*, to place.)
6. C. Verbose means wordy; containing more words than are desirable. (From Latin *verbum*, word.)

## ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Where are they? Pampas—South America; steppes—Siberia; veld—South Africa; fjords—Norway; dykes—Holland. Six creatures wanted. Dog; horse; cat; mouse; monkey; owl. Relatively correct. The people were the boy's parents. With ease. Knees; thee; glee; free. Find the circus performers. Acro-bats; jugg-lers; pon-ies; li-ons; elep-hants; chim-panzees. Points of the compass. Northallerton; Southend; East-bourne; Northwich; Westminister; South-port. Basket of fruit. Little Jack Horner; On a Little Nut Tree; Persiphone; Owl and the Pussy-Cat; St. Clement's; Curly Locks. Sports puzzle. On guard. Mixed trios. Tea, eat, ate. Lost vowels. Mari-gold; aster; nas-turtium; peony; fuchs-ia; candytuft; carnation; catmint.

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## THE OLD TUB SPRINGS A LEAK AND JACKO GETS A SOAKING





## SPORTING GALLERY

## Old soccer in the New World



### Getting down to it

Margaret Cranch of the Women's Royal Army Corps is also a Devon county hockey player. Now on a P.T.I. course at Alershot, she will play for the WRAC hockey team there.

### Internationals both

IN 1935, Alex Herd, a brilliant inside-forward of Hearts and later of Manchester City, played for Scotland. Now his son David, Arsenal's centre-forward, has also represented Scotland.

David first came to the fore with Stockport County, when his father managed that club.

As more and more schools are changing from soccer to rugby in this country, soccer is growing in popularity in other parts of the world. In Canada, for example, where the season has just finished, officials are convinced that within the next five years it will rank among the country's major sports.

In many Canadian towns this summer more people watched soccer than baseball, the national game.

In Ontario alone more than 5000 players are registered—800 more than last season—and affiliated teams have increased to 200. Toronto, the centre of the game in Canada, has 66 senior teams as well as more than 100 junior squads made up of boys under 17.

Immigration is the main reason for this increase in popularity. More and more "new Canadians" want to play or watch the game they knew in their native land, and the teams include many players who were "capped" in their own country. One of the leading teams, Montreal Hungaria, is made up almost entirely of Hungarian stars who escaped to Canada two years ago.

The sport is also spreading in

the United States. Chicago now has 56 teams playing in seven divisions; in New York every college will be fielding a team this autumn; Pennsylvania has 129 schools with regular teams; and many new Leagues and competitions have been started to accommodate the new players.

The main reason for the spread of soccer in the U.S. is the enthusiasm of American servicemen returning from Europe. As well as watching the game while they were over here they also played, the U.S. Seventh Army having 165 teams competing regularly last season.

One American enthusiast who watched the World Cup matches in Sweden during the summer even went so far as to suggest a regular series of games between teams in Europe and those on the east coast of America.

### Cricket Down Under

THIS weekend, the M.C.C. team will be at Adelaide for their match against South Australia. Since the war, six matches have been played against the State, resulting in four victories for the tourists and two drawn games. In the first of their two matches at Adelaide on the last tour four years ago, a low-scoring match ended in a 21 runs victory for the M.C.C.

When the tourists move on to Melbourne, they will find new plastic wicket covers in use. Fastened to special rollers, they will enable the wicket to be covered within one minute of rain causing a stoppage. Overnight and at weekends the pitch is also to be covered with huge tarpaulins, 90 feet by 120 feet, to protect the wicket and also prevent unnecessary delays following rain.

### Ghana's new coach

BILL VOCE, the former Nottinghamshire fast bowler who played for England in 27 Tests between 1929 and 1946, has been appointed coach to the Ghana Cricket Association.

## SPORTS QUIZ

1. How many left-handed batsmen are there among the M.C.C. cricketers in Australia?
2. Can you name the two soccer teams promoted to the First Division last season?
3. Which country holds the world amateur golf team championship?
4. Which game do the Barbians play?
5. Which cricketer is nicknamed "Typhoon"?
6. Angela Bonallack has represented England at golf. At which sport has her husband played for England?

1. Five—Richardson, Watson, Subba Row, Lock, and Statham (who bowls right-arm). 2. West Ham and Blackburn. 3. Australia. 4. Rugby. 5. Frank Tyson. 6. Golf.



### JIMMY GREAVES

Some years ago, Chelsea F.C. decided to form a team of juniors, in which boys who had been good footballers at school could be coached and developed by experienced players on the Stamford Bridge staff. Today, several of these lads have graduated to the League team, among them Jimmy Greaves, one of the most brilliant young inside forwards in the game.

Poplar-born, a compact 5 ft. 8½ ins. in height and 10 stone in weight, Jimmy's advance was rapid indeed. Last season, still only 17, he was playing regularly in First Division football and was actually the club's leading scorer, with 22 goals in 35 matches. He started the present season with five goals against redoubtable Wolverhampton, and a month later hit three against Nottingham Forest. At 18, he has every chance of a long and distinguished career in the game to which he has dedicated himself.



## The Nawab is very promising

BEFORE the war one of England's most dashing cricketers was the Nawab of Pataudi; now his son is making a strong bid to achieve equal fame. At Lord's recently, the 17-year-old Nawab was chosen by the Cricket Society as "the most promising young cricketer of the year."

"Tiger," as he is known among his friends at Winchester College, certainly deserves the title. Last year he scored 851 runs for the college, made his first appearance for Sussex in the County Cham-

pionship, and scored 71 for the Public Schools against the Combined Services XI.

This summer he has been equally successful, and also found time to reach the doubles final of the Public Schools rackets championships.

His father played for Worcestershire, but "Tiger's" allegiance is to Sussex, no doubt due to his cricket master, Hubert Doggart, and the Winchester professional George Cox, both of whom played for Sussex.

### Partner to a World Champion



Doreen Denny (17) of Twickenham, Middlesex, is the new partner of Courtney Jones, World, European, and British Amateur ice-dance champion. Doreen and Courtney will make their first appearance as a team in the British Championships on November 29.

### Another award for Judy

THIS has been a memorable year for Judy Grinham. She twice set up world back-stroke records, added the Empire Games and European back-stroke titles to the Olympic championship she already held, and was a member of our most successful relay team.

Her latest success is the award of the Allen Perring trophy as the Southern Counties senior "Swimmer of the Year."

The other senior winner was Keith Colin; and the junior awards went to European diving champion Brian Phelps and the young Surrey swimmer Jacqueline Dyson.

### Swimming the Panama

FOR the sixth time in 44 years the Panama Canal has been swum from one end to the other. Captain Robert Legge, 53, a surgeon in the U.S. Navy, covered the 35 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the record time of 21 hours 54 minutes.

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